

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish propagation waters in Farnham Creek, located in Richmond County, Virginia.

The impaired segment is located wholly within Richmond County. This area is described in the following publication:

1) Growing Area 24 as described in Virginia Department of Health, Notice and Description of Shellfish Area Condemnation Numbers 70, Farnham Creek, effective 22, October 1996, 26 October 1998, and 17 October 2000 respectively.

The affected water body segments are identified in Virginia's 1998 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violations of the State's water quality standard for fecal coliform bacteria in shellfish waters. Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia, require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

The first public meeting on the development of the fecal coliform TMDL's will be held on December 12, 2005 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Rappahannock Community College auditorium, located at 52 Campus Drive, in Warsaw, Virginia. Directions can be obtained by calling Chris French at (804) 521-5124. The public comment period will begin on December 12, 2005, and end at 5 p.m. on January 11, 2006. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Chris French and should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments. Requests should be sent to Chris French, Department of Environmental Quality, Piedmont Regional Office, Glen Allen, VA, 23060, telephone (804) 527-5124, Fax (804)-527-5106, or e-mail rcfrench@deq.virginia.gov.